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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2002, and made final, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following amendment.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed May 13, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing remarks have been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-18 stand rejected. Claims 4, 10, and 17 have been canceled.

The objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) is respectfully traversed. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a), features disclosed in the description and claims need not be shown in the drawings where their detailed illustration is not essential for a proper understanding of the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that an artisan of ordinary skill in the art, after reading the specification in light of the Figures, would understand how the fuel system interface could be coupled to an engine control system. More specifically, Applicant